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This digest of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of the British Colony of Malta has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant-quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that Colony.

It was prepared by Harry B. Shaw, Plant Quarantine Inspector, in Charge of Foreign Information Service, Division of Foreign Plant Quarantines, from the original Ordinance and Government Notices, and reviewed by the Director of Agriculture of Malta.

The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

Ordinance No. III of 1876 (June 20, 1876)

It shall be lawful for the Head of the Government, whenever, in his opinion, there is reason to believe that any agricultural produce in any country outside of the island of Malta and its dependencies, is affected with a disease which, by the introduction of such produce into those islands, might be introduced into and spread within those islands, to prohibit, by a notice in the Government Gazette, the importation of the said produce from the country and from any other country into which the importation of the same produce from the former country be not prohibited.

SUMMARY

Importation Prohibited

- GRAPEVINES AND CUTTINGS THEREOF, FRESH GRAPES, FRUITS PACKED IN GRAPEVINE LEAVES, grapes in a semiraisin state, or juice of grapes containing husks or stalks of the fruit: Importation prohibited from all countries, to prevent the introduction of phylloxera (Phylloxera vitifoliae Fitch). (Govt. Notice No. 21, Jan. 30, 1914, as amended by No. 448, Oct. 24, 1933.)
- TREES, SHRUBS, CUTTINGS, TUBERS, BULBS, AND FLOWERING ROOTS, TOMATOES, AND RAW VEGETABLES: Importation prohibited from European France (including Corsica), North America (Panama Canal to Canada), Belgium, and Luxembourg, to prevent the introduction of the Colorado potato beetle (Leptinotarsa decemlineata Say) and San Jose scale (Aspidiotus perniciosus Comst.). (Govt. Notices Nos. 229, Sept. 11, 1922; 175, July 28, 1923; and 510, Dec. 27, 1935.)



- VEGETABLE SOILS: Importation prohibited from Belgium and Luxembourg, to prevent the introduction of the Colorado potato beetle. (Govt. Notice No. 463, Nov. 12, 1935.)
- POTATOES: Importation prohibited from ports of Northern Africa, European France, North America, Belgium, and Luxembourg, to prevent the introduction of insect pests dangerous to local potato crops. (Govt. Notices Nos. 236, Aug. 27, 1934; 229 of 1922; 175 of 1923, 272 of 1932, and 510 of 1935.)
- FRESH FRUITS AND ALL LIVE PLANTS OR PARTS OF PLANTS EXCEPT TUBERS, ROOTS, AND SEEDS: Importation from Hungary, Austria, and Rumania prohibited, to prevent the introduction of San Jose scale (Aspidiotus perniciosus Comst.). (Govt. Notice No. 40, Jan. 24, 1933.)

Importation Restricted

- POTATOIS from countries not subject to absolute prohibition:
 Shipper's declaration of origin and a certificate from the Department of Agriculture of the country of origin, stating that the district where the potatoes were grown is free from wart disease (Synchytrium endobioticum (Schilb.) Perc.). (Govt. Notice No. 21, Jan. 30, 1914.)
- PLANTS, ROOTS, AND GARDEN SOIL from Mediterranean ports: Each shipment must be accompanied by a certificate affirming freedom from grape-vine phylloxera (Phylloxera vastatrix Fitch). (Govt. Notice No. 21 of 1914.)
- CITRUS FRUIT FROM ALL COUNTRIES: Subject to inspection on arrival at the expense of the consignee. (Govt. Notices Nos. 21, Jan. 30, 1914, and 307, Dec. 18, 1923.)

Importation Unrestricted

- ALL PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS imported by the Department of Agriculture are exempted from all the prohibitions contained in all Government Notices. (Govt. Notice No. 352, Sept. 3, 1927.)
- SEEDS, unless restricted or prohibited by special quarantines.

From the foregoing it would appear that the only plant materials from the United States admissible into Malta comprise fresh fruits, including citrus fruits; dried, desiccated, canned, candied, or preserved fruits, and vegetables; nuts, dried beans, peas, etc., seeds, and cereals, for which neither import permits nor inspection certificates are required.